# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20 AND MATTHEW 14:22-33 "MASTER OF SEA AND STORM"

Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth, tells the storm to stop and it does! Let us turn to Jesus during the storms of our journey.

# 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 13, 2023

lutheranchapelchurch.org (704) 864-6491

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL AUGUST 13, 2023 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF THE WORD

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

# **GATHER**

#### WELCOME

Who are you? We are children of God (1 John 3:2). What is our mission? The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.

### **PRELUDE**

The Instrument Ensemble arr. Jerry Nowak

"Morning Has Broken"

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

# **Prayers of the People**

Pastor: Steady and comforting God, with you, every transition and new start is a reminder of your goodness, for you are always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. Though we are sad about summer's ending, we are grateful for this school year.

We appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow, knowing it is one of the biggest privileges we have. We look forward to being with friends and teachers for school this year. With thanks and love, we now offer everything we are to you, asking for your blessing.

We pray for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We pray for our hearts and all they hold—excitement and nervousness, disappointment and hope. We give you all our loves and fears. We pray for steady self-esteem and deepening resilience.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our minds, that they will expand in wonder and celebration, learning not just from the books studied but the people beside us. Open our minds with a willingness to be changed in unexpected ways, and settle our thoughts in peaceful places.

**All:** Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our hands, that they will reach out to help welcome and care. Bless our hands with patience and dedication as they grip pencils and type on keyboards, swish paint brushes and clap in song, grip monkey bars and lunch box handles, spin wheelchair tires and basketballs.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our mouths, that they will speak words bringing life and connection. Help us use our mouths to honor the dignity and belovedness of all. Remind us to trust you when we're feeling anxious or afraid.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our feet, that they will move toward those different from us and help others in safe ways. Plant our feet next to those who feel alone, and bless our steps down hallways and sidewalks. We know you are with us wherever our feet go or stay.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our eyes, that they may see ourselves and others with compassion. Point our eyes toward those who are forgotten or struggling. Grow us in flexibility to see from all kinds of angles. Bless what and how we see, whether we're looking at a screen, a whiteboard, or the beauty of a person's face. And help us see with the most important eyes—the eyes of your Holy Spirit within us.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our ears, that they will genuinely listen to all voices, especially those that haven't been listened to much. When things get noisy, help us listen extra carefully for your voice. Help us hear with the most important ears—the ears of your Holy Spirit within us.

**All:** Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children to new teachers and classes. When questions remain unanswered, and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college.

**All:** Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We also pray now for teachers, staff, and administrators. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravery to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for health and wholeness, fun and growth, surprise and amazement, for this school year ahead, knowing you will hold us all the way through.

All: We thank you, God, and love you. Amen.

#### INVOCATION

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

# C: Amen.



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

# Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

LITANY

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

# \*APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

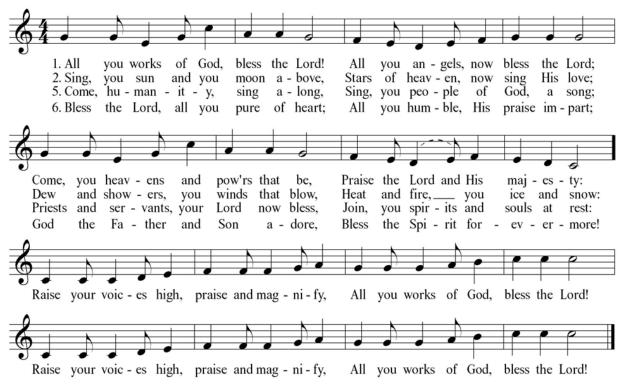
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE** "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord"



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Tune: Jamaican; Adapt. Doreen Potter

© 1995 Stephen P. Starke and 1975 Hope Publishing Co.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

# STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20** 

Let us shout and sing and rejoice in the LORD! He will gather His people together now and forever.

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. A memory verse for the week is in bold. Claim the gift for yourself!

Creation: Fall: Promise: Exodus: Conquest: Judges: Kings and Prophets: Exile: + Restoration: 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple: JESUS: Apostles: Last Day: New Creation

# **PSALM 85:8-13**



- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, that your glory may dwell | in our land.

# Refrain

- <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

# Refrain

Reprinted from Psalter for Worship, copyright 2007 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress.

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**TEMPLE TALK:** What can we do to share God's love by nurturing?

\*GOSPEL MATTHEW 14:22-33

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after announcement:

# C: Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But

immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"Master of Sea and Storm"

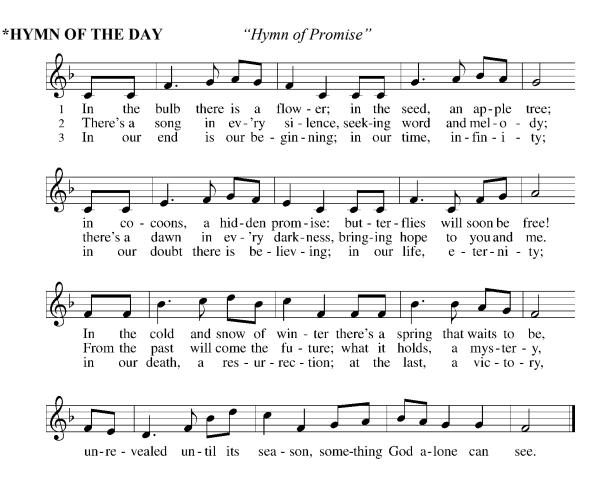
The Journey of the Prophet Zephaniah

# Panic!

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I do not need God's mercy. My heart and reasoning capacity are not sin-distorted but quite adequate, right? Wrong.

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Do not be afraid. Jesus will save all who call upon His Name ultimately.

**So What?** Examine yourself and turn to God day by day. Rejoice and be glad in God day by day - in praise and thanksgiving will come surprising strength for the journey.



Text: Natalie Sleeth

Music: HYMN OF PROMISE, Natalie Sleeth

Text and music © 1986 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

# **PRAYER**

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.** 

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

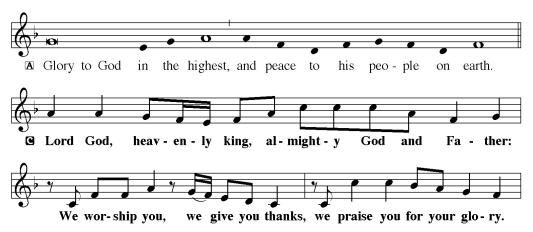
"Be Thou My Vision"

The No Name Group arr. Roger Myers

# **NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE**

"Glory to God"

Luke 2:14, John 1:29





# **SENDING**

\*BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

# C: Amen.



Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993 Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey Text and music © 1938, 1966 Unichappell Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp.

PRECIOUS LORD Irregular

### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

"Variations from Organ Concerto"

G. F. Handel

+++++++

**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Pat Lindler in loving memory of Gary.

# THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Assistant Minister	
Lector	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte	Cameron Bell
Crucifer	Christian Mull
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	James Hovis & Bettina Royston



# **PARISH NEWS**

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST:** If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at <u>Sweet Caroline's</u> in McConnells, SC on **Thursday, August 17** at **11:00am**. *If you would like to ride in the church van, be at the church before 10:00*. We hope you'll join us.

**NEWSLETTER:** Articles for the September newsletter are due by **Monday**, **August 21**.

CORPORATE SELF-EXAMINATION AND VISION ACTION PLAN: Regular self-examination is a rigorous yet necessary spiritual discipline Sunday by Sunday in confession and forgiveness during the Service (re: 1 John 1:8-10, 1 Corinthians 11:27-32, 2 Corinthians 13:5). Corporate examination is also important and with the help of Dr. Copeland, our church consultant, we have spent time throughout this year focusing on an understanding of who we are and what our mission is. In the weekly bulletins this is summarized: Who are we? Children of God. What is the mission of Lutheran Chapel? To share God's love. Our Church Council filled out how we are to do this in the June meeting – Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love by nurturing, connecting, and serving. In August, this process will move to a concrete action plan. For three Sundays during the Sunday Service we will spend time during succinct temple talks on three questions:

- Sunday, August 13 What can we do to share God's love by nurturing?
- Sunday, August 20 What can we do to share God's love by connecting?
- Sunday, August 27 -- What can we do to share God's love by serving?

Please pray and consider this some beforehand and please plan to be present and participate in this process toward an action plan. May our Father in Heaven bless these efforts to renew and grow His mission at Lutheran Chapel.

**CAN TABS FOR KIDS:** The preschool is collecting soda pop tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital of Greenville, SC until <u>September 8, 2023</u>. All tabs collected will be donated to help the Shriners improve the lives of children by providing pediatric care and innovative research.

# **DAILY PRAYER**

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Faye Anne Boyette, Henry Hoffman, Leon Moretz, **family of Betty Petty**, Nancy Rankin, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Genise Collins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Jonnie Heavner, Julia Heavner, Wade Huss, Rick Knowles, Rita Pasour, **Ruth Rasp**, Brooks Reeder, Randy Reel, Paul Rundzieher, Frank Sanders, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, and Charlene Sorenson

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

# FEAST OF PSALMS: Psalter Book One

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	1, 2, 3	7, 8, 9	13, 14, 15	19, 20, 21	25, 26, 27	31, 32, 33	37, 38, 39
PM	4, 5, 6	10, 11, 12	16, 17, 18	22, 23, 24	28, 29, 30	34, 35, 36	40, 41

# THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 33 August 13 to August 20, 2023

- 08/13 Morning Reading: Romans 13—Evening Reading: Psalms 87, 88
- **08/14** Morning Reading: Romans 14—Evening Reading: Psalms 89, 90
- 08/15 Morning Reading: Romans 15:1-13—Evening Reading: Psalms 91, 92, 93
- 08/16 Morning Reading: Romans 15:14-33—Evening Reading: Psalms 94, 95, 96
- 08/17 Morning Reading: Romans 16—Evening Reading: Psalms 97, 98, 99
- 08/18 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Psalms 100, 101, 102
- 08/19 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Psalms 103, 104
- 08/20 Morning Reading: 1 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Psalms 105, 106

**Traditional Song:** "Amazing Grace" ELW #779 **Sing a New Song:** "Thy Word" W&P #144

The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe.

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

# Wednesday, August 16 ~ Holy Communion

Ephesians 6:9 "Table of Duties: To Employers and Supervisors"

# Thursday, August 17 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Zephaniah 3:14-20 "The Gathering of God's People"

# Sunday, August 20 ~ Holy Communion

Malachi 4:1-6 and Matthew 15:10-28 "The Heart"

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

Sun-13 8:30 am Fellowship 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)12:00 pm Private Event (Family Life Center)

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tues-15 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

5:15 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)

**Wed-16** 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)

Thur-17 11:00 am OWLS @ Sweet Caroline's

6:00 pm Preschool Open House

**Sat-19** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am Chapel Choir Workshop